

DIRAUX NOTES

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

LCDR Kelly Boodell

COXSWAIN ACADEMIES: Both the Southern Area and Eastern Area Coxswain Academies were cancelled this year due to lack of interest. Please concentrate on developing Crew this summer so that next year many of our new crewmembers will be qualified to participate in a Coxswain Academy. We have many new members who will be looking for opportunities to become qualified. If you are interested in helping out; let your chain know so that we maximize your opportunities.

AUX AUGMENTING EVERY UNIT, BRANCH, AND COMMAND: In accordance with Operation Patriot Readiness, many commands have expressed an interest in support from Aux members. This is great because many opportunities are opening up which are non-traditional, members have been providing data input, computer work, filing, project support, etc...

If you are working with a unit and you know who your Liaison Officer is, please let them know you are there. If you do not know whom your Liaison Officer is, please contact your Division Captain and let them know what you are doing! This is critical information that needs to be incorporated into several reports that I use. Thank you for all of your continued hard work!

UNUSED PATROL TONOS: When TONOs are issued for patrols, they are issued for specific dates. If a patrol is not conducted on the date that the TONO was issued for, DIRAUX or the Order Issuing Authority must be notified. Once notified, DIRAUX or the Order Issuing Authority will cancel the TONO, authorize a change in date, or issue a new TONO. Only DIRAUX and the Order Issuing Authority are authorized to change the dates on patrol orders. ATON patrols are the only exception as TONOs may be issued for a period of a week to allow for delays due to weather etc.... If a TONO is issued and not used, please notify DIRAUX or the Order Issuing Authority. Do not attempt to reuse it or reimbursement will be seriously delayed.

OPERATION BOAT SMART: Advice from Bonnie Harding: Recreational Boating Season is here in full force. How can we, as Auxiliary flotillas and/or divisions, spread our message for Safe Boating to the public? Maybe we can try some activity that other D-13 flotillas have done: 1. Have a vessel in the local community's festival parade; 2. Participate with a boating safety booth at the local county fair or a commercial mall's safety fair or boat show; and 3. A PFD demonstration at a kids and/or adult safety or health fair. There are many opportunities to advance Recreational Boating Safety in your community. When an organization asks you to participate, answer, "we would be happy to." Better yet, ask if the Auxiliary may be a part of the activity.

COAST GUARD DAY PICNIC: Everyone is invited to the annual picnic! Saturday, AUGUST 10TH FROM 1100 TO 1500 at SHORELINE PARK on AMERICAN LAKE, FORT LEWIS. There are a lot of activities: paddle boats, water slides, horseshoes, bingo, kayaks, and some activities for children. The Fort Lewis caterers will cater the bbq. More information, including prices will follow!

FROM OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

CWO4 Mike McKiernan/CWO4 Paul Bellona

LAST ENTRY: When you receive this month's NOTES, Paul Bellona will have arrived and relieved me as the Assistant Director and OTO. As I mentioned last month I will not be retiring until December, and will still be working in the office, but Paul has officially assumed the duties as Asst DIRAUX/OTO. I ask that you give Paul the same support and assistance that I have received over the past 4 years in learning and executing the job. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your dedication and service in supporting the missions of the Coast Guard, and ensuring the safety of the boating public throughout the District. It has been an honor and a pleasure to work for you, and share your fellowship and friendship during the past 4 years. I look forward to seeing many of you at various meetings and activities this summer and fall before I hang it up. Thank You and Semper Paratus - Mike

APPROVED FACILITIES/CERTIFIED CREW: A reminder...only approved facilities and certified coxswain and crew are authorized to conduct patrols. The FSO-OPS and SO-OPS are responsible to ensure patrol orders are requested only for certified coxswains and approved facilities. Coxswains are responsible to ensure that they have the proper number of certified crew on board during patrols.

CREW REQUIREMENTS: Another reminder...the crew requirements for patrols in D13 are as follows: facilities up to 26ft: coxswain and 1 crew required; facilities 26ft to 34ft: coxswain and 1 crew required – coxswain and 2 crew recommended; facilities over 34ft: coxswain and 2 crew required. Only Operational Commanders (DIRAUX/Group CO/Station CO or OINC) can approve changes to these requirements.

PATROL ORDERS: For areas receiving their patrol orders directly from DIRAUX.... The Director's Office will only accept requests for patrol orders from Division SO-OPS.

NEW MEAL TIMES FOR PATROL MEAL REIMBURSEMENT: The new meal reimbursement times have been approved. Here are the times and the corresponding rates: Breakfast 0400-0800/\$1.83; Lunch 1000-1400/\$3.45; Dinner 1600-2000/\$3.45; and Midrats 2200-0200/\$1.83. This means that if you are on patrol (u/w) on orders during any of these times, you will be reimbursed for meals accordingly. This is a significant expansion from the previous times and will be a great help in getting proper reimbursement for Auxiliarists, especially during extended regatta patrols etc...

ACTIVITY REPORTS: There may be some bad info floating around (It came from here) directing you to enter your facilities call sign where it calls for the facility's registration number on the Activity Report – Mission. **This is wrong. AUXDATA requires your registration/document number be entered in that block.** My apologies for any problems caused by the bad advice.

COLUMBIA CUP ASSISTANCE: FI 85 in Tri-Cities annually patrols the Columbia Cup hydroplane races. They are looking for boat crews to augment their local forces for this year's races. The races will be held 25-29 July 2002. We are looking for assistance from flotillas relatively close to Tri-Cities, but all requests will be considered. If you are interested, please notify DIRAUX with the following info: Facility, crew, and dates available for patrol.

DIRECTORY UPDATES: If you have address, phone number, or email changes that need to get in the next District Directory update, please ensure that they are entered into AUXDATA. Members can enter their own personal data. If you need assistance contact your IS chain.

FIRST ENTRY: I am Paul Bellona and would like to introduce myself to all the Auxiliarists in the 13th CG District. I have been in the Coast Guard for 29 years and most of that time has been spent as a Surfman at the small boat units up and down the coast (i.e., Cape Disappointment, Grays Harbor, Bellingham, Tillamook Bay, National Motor Lifeboat School). I have also spent 3 tours on ships (i.e., CGC Point Bennett, CGC Boutwell, CGC Midgett) and a tour as Officer in Charge at Station Oswego, NY during my career, which has also been an enjoyable learning experience. I have worked with the Auxiliary at some of my other commands and look forward to taking the reins as the Asst DIRAUX/OTO for the District. I look forward to meeting you at the various upcoming meetings and activities that have been scheduled this summer and fall. Keep up the Good Work.

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

SK1 Nelson Fritz

ORDERS FOR SUPPLIES FROM AUXCEN: Once again, DIRAUX has received order forms requesting supplies from the Auxiliary National Supply Center from various Flotillas. Please do not send them to this office. Rather, send them directly to the Materials Officer and your FSO-MA will sign and forward the request.

DIRECT DEPOSIT: Members who are considering starting up EFT or plan on changing banks will need to fill out a "new" Direct Deposit form, located on the Finance Center Intranet. This new form replaces the antiquated "Fast Start" form and can be completed "on-line", eliminating the need to send paperwork to the "middleman", DIRAUX. The form can be accessed via this link: https://cgweb.fincen.uscg.mil/secure/enrollment_form.htm.

FROM THE COMPUTER SECTION

Ms. Bobbie Heim

RETIREMENT: Still under consideration, **but** the financial computation looks bad! HQs personnel are checking on a possible extra month or so of service. Also, I need to know how much the new Long Term Care insurance will cost. I'll let everyone know about any definite decision.

THE LAST AUXMIS PRINTOUT: The AUXMIS – ANNUAL MEMBER SUMMARY AND STATUS REPORT, FOR – 2001, will not be mailed to the individual Auxiliarists. They will be forwarded to the flotillas in batches, to be handed out at the unit meetings. Please check with your Flotilla Commander to pick up your own copy.

MEMBER INFO UPDATES: AUXDATA computer's addresses, phone numbers and E-mails need to be updated at the flotilla level, by the individual Auxiliarist or by FSO-IS. While the DIRAUX office is in transition to the new AUXDATA computer, we need extra help. All elected and appointed officers, at flotilla, division and district level should send this office a copy of information updates, so we can maintain all our computer databases. In addition, those Auxiliarists who receive the DIRAUX Notes by E-mail, should forward E-mail update information to this office. The DIRAUX office uses several computer databases (ACCESS, EXCEL, MICROSOFT OUTLOOK for E-mail and MICROSOFT WORD for mail-out labels). They are **not** linked to the AUXDATA computer. We are stuck with machines that don't talk to each other, and coordination is difficult! Your understanding and assistance is truly appreciated.

DCP 11 E-MAIL CHANGE: DCP 11 Merrill Tate has a new E-mail address: "merrilltate@aol.com" effective 1 June 2002.

FROM THE MEMBER STATUS SECTION

Ms. Shirley Blanchett

AUXOP SPECIALTY EXAM REQUESTS: RCO-S Jack Feather is now receiving, mailing, and grading all requests for AUXOP exams. Please send all requests for exams to Jack. Any requests received here in the Director's office will be sent on to Jack for processing. Jack's email address is: "jackrco@charter.net." The DIRAUX office will continue processing certificates and notifying members of their scores.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT AUXILIARY EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Meeting - Event	Location	D13 DIRUAX REP
31 May – 2 June	Eastern Area Conf & Div 11	Glenn's Ferry, ID	LCDR Boodell & CWO McKiernan
31 May - 2 June	Division 6	Garibaldi, OR	CWO Bellona
5-10 June	ROSEFEST	Portland, OR	
8 June	PWC Demo	Port Angeles, WA	LCDR Boodell
7-9 June	AUXAIR Fly-in	AIRSTA Astoria	CWOs McKiernan & Bellona
10 Jun	Div 7 Mtg	Group Portland	CWO Bellona
11 Jun	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	TBD
12 Jun	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	CWO Bellona
22 Jun	Div 4 Mtg, P. L. Beach Club	Port Ludlow, WA	CWO Bellona
28, 29 & 30 June	Southern Area Conference	Vancouver, WA	LCDR Boodell & CWO Bellona
8 Jul	Div 7 Mtg	Group Portland	TBD
9 Jul	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	TBD
10 Jul	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	TBD
14 Jul	Div 4 Mtg (Picnic)	TBD	TBD
14-25 July	SEAHAWK	Indian Island	TBD
19, 20 & 21 July	EXCOM MTG	Garibaldi, OR	LCDR Boodell CWOs McKiernan Bellona
25-28 July	Columbia Cup	Kennewick, WA	
1-4 Aug	SEAFAR	Seattle, WA	LCDR Boodell CWOs McKiernan & Bellona
3 Aug	DIV 5 Picnic	Roseburg, OR	TBD
12 Aug	Div 7 Mtg	Group Portland	TBD
13 Aug	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	TBD
14 Aug	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	TBD
16, 17 & 18 Aug	Northern Area Conference	Bremerton, WA	LCDR Boodell CWOs McKiernan & Bellona
28-31 Aug	NTNL Conference (NACON)	Orlando, FL	LCDR Boodell & CWO Bellona
9 Sep	Div 7 Mtg	Group Portland	TBD
10 Sep	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	TBD
11 Sep	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	TBD
19-21 Sep	13 TH Dist Mtg & Elections	Spokane, WA	LCDR Boodell CWOs McKiernan & Bellona
26 Sep	Div 1 Mtg, Cranberry Tree	Mt Vernon WA	TBD
8 Oct	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	TBD
9 Oct	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	TBD
12-13 Oct	Div 8 Mtg	Richland, WA	CWO Bellona
12 Oct	Div 4 Mtg, P. T. Yacht Club	Port Townsend	TBD
14 Oct	Div 7 Mtg	Group Portland	TBD
18-20 Oct	Div 11 Mtg.	Jackpot, NV	LCDR Boodell
18-20 Oct	Div 5 Mtg.	Klamath Falls OR	TBD
8-10 Nov	NTNL Pac Area Mtg (NAPM)	Alameda, CA	LCDR Boodell
11 Nov	Div 7 Mtg	Group Portland	TBD
12 Nov	Div 2 Mtg, Bear Rm, Pier 36	Seattle, WA	TBD
13 Nov	Div 3 Mtg, T. Yacht Club	Tacoma, WA	TBD
15, 16 & 17 Nov	EXCOM MTG	Tri Cities, WA	LCDR Boodell & CWO Bellona

This calendar includes information provided to DIRAUX. Please notify DIRAUX of changes or corrections. Bobbie Heim, in AUXMIS section, E-mail: bheim@pacnorwest.uscg.mil is the person to contact.

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